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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Office communication (Restriction Requirement) mailed July 15, 2009. In view of a 1-month extension of time and the required fee, filed herewith, a response is due by September 15, 2009. Therefore this response is timely filed.

In response to the Office communication (Restriction Requirement) mailed July 15, 2009, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group V, consisting of claims 72-85 and 96 drawn to products of formula (IV) or formula (V) or formula (VI) or formula (VII) or formula (VIIa).

Claims 72-85 and 96 encompass the elected invention.

Applicants have elected the claims to the compounds and composition. If these claims are allowed, applicants request that the restriction be withdrawn with respect to the method claims and the method claims be rejoined in accordance with MPEP 821.04(b) provided that they depend from the allowable compound claims, require all of the limitations of the allowable

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compound claims, or are amended to require all of the limitations of the allowable combination claims.

If the Examiner has any questions, or believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number provided below.

If any additional fees are due, or an overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is authorized to charge, or credit, U.S. Deposit Account No. 08-1935 for such sum.

Respectfully submitted,

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